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West Point March 20th 1832

My dear Sir

I thank you most sincerely for your kind letter — the Mails have been very irregular for some days — yours of 13th did not come to hand in due time — the Mail Boat not being able to Land on account of the Ice — passed to Poughkeepsie — As soon as I could obtain the enclosed Check, I improve the first opportunity of forwarding it —

The Intelligence from Bradford has made us all happy — I need not mention the particulars, as he must have communicated to you his happy situation — and the amiable, interesting Character of Lt Graham — His travelling with such agreeable companions — & having escaped dangers by Land & Sea — made so many agreeable acquaintances — & enjoyed such fine Health and Spirits — may give, may make his future life more interesting and more agreeable — He is a most amiable, interesting young Man — I hope he will persevere in the good path, which he has long since chosen — I beg You to correspond with him — no man has more influence over him — and when he can have his choice, he will follow your interesting advice —

I have been very unwell for some — since the 11th July 1754 I am advancing fast to the declining period of life — Mrs Alden & Mary are very well — Eliza is restored to health — enjoys her life agreeably — This being under the same roof joins in tender regards to Mrs Torrey — and be assured of the real friendship of yours sincerely —

W Alden

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R. Alden

March 20th 1832

Recd. March 24th

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Fort Meade Fla Aug 21st 1852

Dear Doctor

You will perceive from the
date of the first from which I date this
letter that I am no longer at Tampa Bay—
The Post at Fort Brooke has been broken up, and
the Company to which I am attached, now occu-
pies Fort King. We are 100 miles north of our
former station, and except beauty of prospect
are as advantagously situated as before—
There have been several cases of Bilious fever, about
twenty miles from us—but the elevation of this Post
above the surrounding Country, has preserved
those who live here, free from sickness—
Though removed so far from home, and finding
so little congeniality of feeling in those with
whom I have to associate,—here I better please
than I am with any—perfection, I could find
in Books and in Religion imparting to me of
Enjoyment. The duties I have to perform
employ but a small portion of each day, and
are far from being arduous—were they to be
of the same nature as they are now—I would
yield up my appointment—only from duty calling
me elsewhere—or for one of Equal privileges ——

But there is a possibility, that the nature of my present occupations — may be diverted to some which will not accord with the warmest wishes of which will not accord with the warmest wishes of come from me — I mean the office of Asst. Commissary of Subsistence — it will be vacant next year — by the departure of the Fullerman, who holds it now — from this Post — and will devolve upon me — I would willingly perform that portion of the Service — which belongs to the supplying the troops with provisions — but when I shall have to send to the Commissary at Charleston (S.C.) for a requisition of "Whisky" — for Extra Duty Men — it seems to me that it will clash with my obligations to the Temperance Society — which, I am determined to adhere to strictly — if doing so would compel me to give up my commission — I should be very thankful to you if you would give me your opinion of my duty — in case I am ordered to act as Commissary —

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The books you were so kind as to send us for me arrived safely — I am very much pleased with the selection you made — yourself — Wilson's Evidence supplies the place (very well) of the work I called through mistake Sarah Hot Evidence — I am sorry that I have not been able to send you that, choice selection of flowers, that I had promised myself I should, when I got to this clime of Florida Fort Brooke has surrounded

by a fine barren, [illegible] - could walk in two days your Eye rested on the same thousand scene - save a few acres on a Swamp ... the border of a Stream - Flowers you may Suppose were not scattered very profusely on a Soil that produces but one kind of Tree - I flatter myself that when I shall get to Chapleau I could be Enabled to send you a fine box of Specimens - but I find that fine barren is almost as fashionable here as at Tampa - horse - in - fly time I will gather Every thing I can scrape up, like a flower, and will then probably make up a sufficient number to fill a little box — Mineralogical Specimens there are literally none - Indeed it would do my heart good to see even a few of those pebbles I used to tread upon so carelessly in the South, little thinking I should ever feel their loss - if I should be back at Light - I will try to send you some of the "queerest" looking insects that I meet with - and most heartily do I wish there were fewer of these troublesome little Specimens in this region -

We are [illegible] in this remote part of the United State, from the alarm that seems to pervade the North - in regard to the Cholera - A consciousness that it is under the control of the Supreme Being, renders me tranquil and unmoved concerning its probable course for the future — I saw in a number of the N.Y. Morning Courier & Enquirer - of 29th or 31st July - some curious remarks

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on the appearances (unusual) of light since the prevalence of the Cholera in New York — Is it mere imagination, or matter of fact? — How is Mr Mc Graine — What are his prospects for the future? I have heard nothing lately concerning his appointment of Bishop —

Bradford Addw
Augt. 21. 1832
Recd. Sept. 29
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Prof. Torrey
New York
City

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Give my respects to Mrs Torrey — and accept the assurance of my esteem

Yours Affectionately
E. Addison

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Fort King Fla Oct 3d, 32

Dr Sir

I hope you will pardon the liberty I have taken - in requesting you to make purchases for me - I have determined to devote my leisure moments to the study of Medicine - and am in need both of Books and a Skeleton - My father will send you 45 Dollars - on the receipt of which - will you please to get me a Skeleton with the parts separate? not wired I have Bells Anat= = omy, one the Surgeon - have Cowpers Surgery. Abernethys Lectures. Smith (Southwood) on Fever -

Will you make a choice of such Elementary books as will be requisite for a 8 months Study? I would receive with gladness - your advice - as to the mode of Study I that I should pursue - Your box of botanical Specimens I will send in about 3 weeks - by a boat which leaves our landing for Palatka on the St Johns - You will be able to send me the articles

you purchase by inquiring of "Messrs Woodhull & Minturn Front St. New York." They are my acquaintance with a trader at this post (Mr Stone) who intends to charter a vessel for Palatka on the St Johns River — to sail in November — if you should have an opportunity to send to Palatka before sooner — You can direct to me, Camp King, Seminole Agency - Care of E Rogers — Goods from New York for this section of the Country are landed always at Palatka and hauled or wagoned to the interior —

How much do you suppose would be <u>sufficient</u> to defray the expenses of a Medical Education — including Board? if I should relinquish my present profession —

Give my respects to Mrs Torrey - and believe me — with great esteem yours sincerely

J K Elder

P.S. —

This Surgeon at this post has in addition to the books I have mentioned — Gregory's practice of Physic, Cooper & Travers' Surgical Essays — Coxes Medical Dispensatory —

The Books which he has you need not send me —

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~~I would like~~

I would like a Greek and English Lexicon — there has been one published lately I believe from the German — by Dr Robertson of Andover — I should prefer that ~~one~~ — A Medical Dictionary — and a Greek Testament — I should like to have bought — also — excuse this servant — I have been in haste —

NKA —

If $45 will not be sufficient for this, will you please to acquaint My father of it — informing him of the amount necessary — he will transmit it to you ——

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B. Alden
Oct. 3rd
1832

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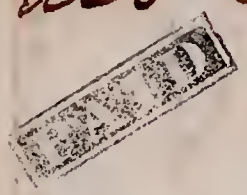

Dr John Jorney
Corner of Carlton & Varick Sts.
New York city

Recd. Feby 13th Amd March 6th,

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West Point Feby 1834.

Dear friend

I received your kind letter of the 4th inst. yesterday & cannot but reproach myself for not writing to you long before this. The small box of plants that you mention, had run a narrow gauntlet for its existence — The keg in which it was first shipped, ran upon the breakers & a great part of her cargo was thrown overboard for her preservation, & when I learned of the circumstance I sincerely hoped that the box had found a watery grave; for I reflected only after I had despatched it — on what a paltry collection it contained — & what a poor return it was for specimens of the botanical riches of Florida — I was in haste when I made this selection of a collection. An opportunity of sending a box to the North — was suddenly offered & I hastily gathered up what plants I could, to take advantage of the conveyance — & hence the

the cause – that the little box which has
made its way to you – despite many hindrances
for its destruction – ~~the~~ presents but a
evidence of hurry & negligence –

Thus accustomed as I am to Obstacles
– placed in a situation entirely novel to me
removed from ~~civilization~~ the society
of civilized beings – & surrounded by
Irreligious Men – & forced daily & hourly
Post – I was far from being daily & hourly
thus taken it all this ~~time~~ time before
-cadden the scruples of conscience with
which I was agitated; I do not wonder
that I forgot ~~to you~~ as I promised to make you
a collection of plants. I only wonder
that I did not forget God & the
religious principles, I had imbibed – when
nothing was adverse to their growth – but on
the contrary – Every thing was favorable. –

The boy tells you to Kindly
direct me – to which you ask in
your letter – arrived in safety
at my Post before I left; & I cannot
be sufficiently thankful to you for
them. –

I learnt a few days ago
that a box which I left in Florida – has

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arrived in New York - I is now at the house of J Donaldson No. 17 Broad St - he I have discontinued Mr Donaldson to subject it to the direction of Mr Hackley - There are letters for Dow plants in it for you - If you speak to Mr Hackley - at No. 37 Murray St - he will have the box opened and the plants taken out. - I have not entirely given up the intention to study Medicine though I am in hopes that I shall not be driven to the study - by the prospect of the downfall of the Secession - It is too strongly founded I think to be overturned by the Slender force that is now arrayed against it. - A citizen Surgeon - who officiates at Key Port - in the absence of the Army Surgeon - has offered to send me gratis 1000 botanical Specimens - He now resides at Tallahassee - If you wish I will request him to forward them to you - & make any arrangements - that you may wish. -

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I have not been able to get any infor-
-mation here - about Dr Pitchers station.
- When I do through I will inform you -
- In them any expenses - on acc of the books
you sent me last week? If so will you
please inform me —

Mrs Chas Short
Corner of Prince & McDougal
New York

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Please to remember me to Mrs Torrey
& believe me Yours Sincerely
W M Allen